# curbside recycling guidelines (for residents with municipal trash collection)

- Set recycling out by 7am on your collection day or as early as 4pm the day before
- Separate your recyclables from your trash
- Do not place paper, containers, or yard waste in plastic bags
- Collections are delayed one day after a holiday
- Need a green bin? Stop by the Recycling Depot to get your free bin, or you can use your own container, clearly marked "recycling"

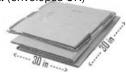
## paper and cardboard

"if you can rip it, you can recycle it!"



Tie in bundles, place in separate bins or in paper bags placed next to green bin:

- paperboard (cereal, shoe boxes, etc.)
- newspapers, magazines, phone books, junk mail (envelopes OK)
- all office paper (staples, paper clips OK) cardboard, cut and flattened
- to 30 in. X 30 in. x 12 in. (no pizza boxes)



# glass, metal, and plastic containers



Place in green bin:

- glass containers (all colors)
- plastic containers (#1-#7)
- aluminum pie plates, trays, and foil DO NOT use plastic bags
- metal cans (steel, tin, aluminum)
- empty aerosol cans
- beverage containers, drink boxes, milk/juice cartons

### How to prepare:

- rinse and flatten, if possible
- place items loose in bin

Missed pick up? If was out by 7am, please call 617.796.1000

please:

• No paper take-out containers

No pizza boxes

No plastic bags

No broken glass

No window glass

No dishes and glasses

No Styrofoam

No light bulbs

No paint cans

No plastic toys

No clothes hangers

No Pyrex

## yard waste



Place in paper yard waste bags or barrel labeled "YARD WASTE" (stickers available at City Hall):

- leaves, grass and plants
- tree and shrub prunings and twigs
- wood chips and other vegetative matter
- bundle large limbs (6 inches or less in diameter) with rope or twine in lengths less than 4 feet and thinner than 3 feet in diameter.

### How to prepare:

- face labels to the street
- branches must not protrude from the barrels
- bags and barrels must not exceed 50 gallons or 50 pounds
- do not use plastic bags
- do not use wire or plastic to bundle
- do not include: tree stumps, root balls, rocks, food, or trash

\*\*Collection begins mid-March and runs through mid-December. Call for exact dates.

www.ci.newton.ma.us/dpw/recycling

617.796.1000

# trash collection guidelines

Please recycle all paper, cardboard, glass, metal, and plastic containers. Recycling saves the City money and is required by City Ordinance. Help us promote waste reduction by donating or selling unwanted items in good condition: see our website or call for more information. New state waste bans prohibit the disposal of construction and demolition materials. For guidelines, please visit our website. Trash must be placed curbside by 7am on your collection day or as early as 4pm the day before. No barrel, bag, or bundle should exceed 50 gallons or 50 pounds.

#### The City will pick up:

- tires (2 per week, no rims)
- carpets (cut, rolled and tied into bundles less than 4 ft.)
- very small quantities of household demolition material (drywall, flooring, etc.)
- alkaline batteries made after 1994 are safe to throw in the trash
- furniture

consider mattresses donation!

**CHECK IT OUT:** 

donate your used or surplus items!

- construction materials (if useable, please contact the **Building Materials Resource** Center 617.442.8917)
- items longer than 4 feet and heavier than 50 pounds



#### Call DPW for a special Call a private hauler: pick up:

### stoves · washers and dryers, etc.



these appliances and freon items

will not be collected unless you

call for a pick up:

air conditioners

water heaters

refrigerators

freezers

#### Bring to the Depot:

- tv and computer monitors (must bring to Depot, no curbside collection)
- motor oil
- fluorescent bulbs
- non-alkaline batteries
- · mercury items
- lawn mowers
- household hazardous waste and paint (during collection times)
- · scrap metal
- appliances and freon items (or call for curbside pick up)

# recycling depot—rumford ave resource recovery center

Monday—Friday 7:30am-2:45pm, Saturday 7:30am-12:30pm, closed Sundays and Holidays. Please check during times of extreme weather (heat, snow, rain). City of Newton residents only. Proof of Residency required upon request.

## BRING to the depot:

- Plastic, glass, and metal containers
- Cardboard (unflattened OK)
- Non-alkaline batteries (alkalines are safe to throw in the trash)
- Clothing
- Fluorescent bulbs and other mercury containing items such as thermostats, thermometers, and flowmeters
- TVs and computer monitors
- Appliances and Freon items (or call for curbside pick up)
- Used motor oil, filters, and antifreeze
- Empty propane tanks
- Lawn mowers, snow blowers, etc.

Compost and woodchips

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- Printer cartridges Also accepted at
- Cell phones

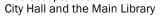
TAKE from the depot:

Books from our Book Exchange!

(April - October, subject to availability)

ATTENTION LANDSCAPERS! High quality,

screened compost for sale, call for more



# paint exchange:

April -November, Monday - Friday 7:30am-2:30pm

- Bring useable paint and paint products, cans must be at least half full and less than 3 years old.
- Small amounts of **dried** paint can be set out with the regular trash (remove lid and use kitty litter or sand to help dry)

RUMFORD AVE RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTER

## Please, NO trash or yard waste collection at the DEPOT

## home composting bins

Please consider composting your own leaves, grass clippings and food waste. Bins are available for sale at City Hall. For a free guide, visit our website or call!



# mercury thermometer exchange

Sponsored by Wheelabrator, Inc., mercury thermometers can be exchanged for digital ones at Customer Service in City Hall or at the Newton Health Department, 1294 Centre St. Newton Centre.

## household hazardous waste

October. Weather dependent. Proof of Residency REQUIRED. For large amounts (more than a TRUNK load), you MUST make an appointment. Please contact Elaine at 617.796.1471 or egentile@newtonma.gov

Drop-off collections are held at the Depot from mid-May to mid-

#### Materials accepted include:

- Adhesives and glues
- Old paint products
- Hobby and art supplies Household cleaners
- Photo chemicals and chemistry sets
- Insecticides and weed killers
- Pool chemicals
- Floor and furniture polishes



POLICE STATION

#### To ensure safety:

- Leave materials in original container
- Tighten caps and lids
- Never mix chemicals
- Do not put into trash bags
- Never smoke while handling hazardous materials

Visit our website for more information!

Dear Neighbors:

Recycling more of your trash is an important way you can help preserve our environment, reduce our consumption of precious natural resources, and save our City money. This brochure is a guide to Newton's recycling efforts.

Only with your help can we reach our recycling goals. Each item that is removed from the waste stream reduces our trash disposal costs, enabling us to use that money for our schools, public safety, roads, and other important City services - all while helping to preserve our environment!

Thank you for taking the time to read this brochure. Before you throw something in the trash, I hope you ask yourself, "Can this be recycled?" Remember, If you can rip it, you can recycle it! Together, we can make a big difference in our community.

Mayor David B. Cohen

## how do I get involved?

Newton Recycles is always looking for volunteers to help with ongoing programs and work on one-time projects. Currently, we are searching for "Neighborhood" Recycling Captains" and volunteers to help staff our Recycling Depot. We also welcome new members to the Recycling, Household Hazardous Waste, and Composting Committees.

For more information, please call 617.796.1000 or email recycling@newtonma.gov

Sign up to receive our quarterly email newsletter, The Green Bin. Send an email to <a href="mailto:recycling@newtonma.gov">recycling@newtonma.gov</a>

## questions?

For more information about our programs, to request a green recycling bin, or to report any solid waste issues, please call **617.796.1000**, visit our website

http://www.ci.newton.ma.us/dpw/recycling

or email recycling@newtonma.gov



## Trimming your Waste-line!

Let's talk trash. Did you know that every year Newton residents throw away about 30,000 Tons of trash? That's enough to fill Fenway Park to the height of the screen above the Green Monster, a total of 60 feet!

## simple things you can do:

- 1. Recycle more! Clip out the curbside recycling guidelines in this brochure and post on your fridge.
- 2. Choose products with minimal packaging and buy in bulk. Avoid individually-wrapped items. A jumbo box of cereal uses less packaging than several single serving-sized boxes, and saves you money!
- 3. Choose durable, reusable products over singleuse, disposable items. Use cloth napkins instead of paper ones. Get your coffee in a refillable mug. Use canvas bags for shopping.
- 4. Reduce junk mail. Stop by City Hall for a free junk mail reduction kit or visit www.mass.gov/consumer to get your name off unwanted mailing lists.
- 5. Reuse bags, containers, packaging material, and other items.
- 6. Compost. Recycle leaves, grass, food scraps and paper towels into great garden soil.
- 7. Donate unwanted items. Visit our website for more information.
- 8. Choose items with a recycled-content label. This saves precious resources and closes the recycling loop! If you are not buying recycled, you are not really recycling.
- 9. Keep toxic home and garden products out of the trash. Learn about non-toxic alternatives and safe disposal on our website.
- 10. Reduce your use of paper. Use e-mail, get bank statements and newsletters on-line, and use the library.

The Evolution of the Waste Can

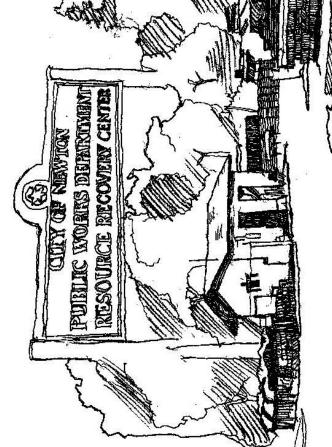


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